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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were unchanged. In most other locations, prices were sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was unsettled to weak entering the week. Demand was light to moderate, better where scattered features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were mixed and usually ranged normal to heavy. Light type hens were at least sufficient for the fair demand.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices ranged 2-8 cents lower on the larger sizes and .5-2 cents lower on mediums. In New England, prices were 2 cents lower on large and medium and unchanged on the balance of sizes. In Boston, prices were unchanged. The market tone was weak and unsettled. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock demand was only fair for increased offerings. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the fair demand.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply lower for the larger sizes and down slightly for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Retail demand remained in a full range with fill-in orders from the holiday weekend providing some extra interest. Food service demand was generally moderate. Supplies were mixed. Central states nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate and most breakers willing buyers at discounted levels. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to mostly steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak. Retail and food service demand light to moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies available.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was unsettled to weak. Demand was light to instances good, best where limited features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending March 29, 2002 was 81.40 cents, 2.32 cents more than a week earlier, but 4.42 cents less than last year. Breaking stock demand remained fair and unaggressive as offerings continue to increase in availability. Breaking schedules were in a full range of normal to heavy. Light type hens were at least adequate for normal to reduced processing schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices 14 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 32% lower than last Monday with California down 25% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 44%. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings ample.

**NEW YORK** Prices were 2 cents lower on all sizes entering the week. The market tone was unsettled to weak. Demand was mixed, ranging fair to at times good, better where scattered post holiday features were in progress. Supplies were adequate for needs.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.**

NORTHEAST CITIES	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	100-102	93-95	75-77
New York	68-72	66-70	51-55
Philadelphia	66-78	65-76	50-55.5
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-81	59-77	44-47.5
Jackson (1)	80-82	79-81	48-50
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	68-78	67-77	52-62
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	60-64	58-62	45-49
Detroit (2)	56-61	55-60	45-49
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-62	57-60	43-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	59-66	58-64	45-50
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	78-81	73-77	58-62
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	95	91	78
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 14 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 25% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand much slower after the holiday. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 58. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79-99, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free. California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA eggs in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

RANGE	
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	95
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	78
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	235-279
EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	175-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 05, 2002 will decrease by 48 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 29, 2002 were 469,956 cases which was 58 percent above the prior week and 12 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	422,277	47,679	469,956
% change from the prior week.....	+64	+17	+58

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate and most breakers willing buyers at discounted levels. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to mostly barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25-33	27-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-17	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with current week schedules reduced. Trade sentiment was steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-APR-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.89

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for about adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for current week were generally normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.46
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 01, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.8	18.7	10.7	13.7	13.9	68.8
	Change	-2.2	0.7	-2.1	-4.0	0.0	-10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.9	42.5	10.7	25.4	23.4	121.9
	Change	-5.7	4.6	-7.4	-10.7	-12.8	-21%
Large	Curr Wk	31.1	76.7	68.6	71.5	65.8	313.7
	Change	-11.0	-43.7	-13.7	-69.4	-60.7	-39%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.0	26.3	20.3	14.4	24.0	94.0
	Change	-2.3	-6.5	1.7	-3.9	-4.7	-14%
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	4.3	4.5	2.5	6.5	20.8
	Change	-1.0	-3.2	-2.0	-1.0	-2.1	-31%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	16.3	9.1	15.1	6.9	51.4
	Change	-0.2	-1.6	1.4	0.0	0.3	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.8	34.4	27.6	19.9	28.1	123.8
	Change	-2.3	5.8	2.9	-10.0	-0.3	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	92.6	219.2	151.5	162.5	168.6	794.4
Percent	Change	-21%	-17%	-11%	-38%	-32%	-25%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	794.4	-25%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	245.5	8%	38

Total Shell Egg 1039.9 -19% 208  
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast	- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central	- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central	- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic	- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific	- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

CANADIAN EGGS NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 29, 2002

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	30.50	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	19.75	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	50.25
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SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW			LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	33.50	35.50	6.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	46.75	2.00				
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	37.00	33.50	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	42.30	5.50				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	35.75	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	42.00	2.75				
GL W XL	—	—	52.00	54.00	33.30	—	13.75	GL W MD	31.00	—	—	35.00	—	—	35.00	1.25				
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	33.00	—	4.25													
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	26.00	—	.25													
NRBS -50	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	5.00													
NRBS -48	29.50	—	—	—	30.00	30.08	17.00													

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/25-29/02

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	100.75	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	68.75	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	169.50
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SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW			LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	54.00	56.89	56.17	57.21	40.71	44.50	55.00	GNR W 1	—	52.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	27.44	29.88	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	46.75	5.00				
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	37.00	33.50	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	51.05	11.00				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	35.75	—	3.00	GL W LG	45.83	52.00	—	—	—	—	51.69	12.75				
GL W XL	—	—	60.00	63.33	37.67	45.00	43.75	GL W MD	33.00	41.78	—	35.00	—	—	36.27	9.25				
GL W LG	—	68.00	56.50	57.33	40.32	—	20.00	NRBS - 48	30.00	30.80	—	—	—	—	—	8.00				
GL W MD	—	44.00	—	37.50	27.91	33.20	10.50	NRBS - 42	18.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00				
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	24.50	—	—	1.00													
GL BR XL	—	—	—	50.00	—	—	.50													
NRBS -50	—	—	25.00	27.00	—	27.00	5.25													
NRBS -48	29.18	30.00	29.40	31.55	27.74	31.12	67.75													
NRBS -45	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	.25													
NRBS -42	—	—	—	—	—	22.50	2.00													
NRBS -39	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	23.50	5.25													

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 03/17/02 - 03/23/02**

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
ARIZONA	0	0	321	321
COLORADO	0	0	1,483	1,483
INDIANA	0	0	1,800	1,800
IOWA	5,440	2,380	35,253	43,073
MAINE	0	0	830	830
MICHIGAN	0	0	850	850
MINNESOTA	810	2,430	3,042	6,282
MISSOURI	0	0	780	780
MONTANA	0	0	912	912
OHIO	0	0	900	900
OREGON	987	1,967	0	2,954
SOUTH DAKOTA	0	0	800	800
TEXAS	0	0	950	950
UTAH	0	2,880	5,924	8,804
WASHINGTON	0	679	900	1,579
WISCONSIN	0	0	750	750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,237</b>	<b>10,336</b>	<b>55,495</b>	<b>73,068</b>
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	7,237	10,336	55,495	73,068

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
120-123	81-84	72-75	54-57	25-28

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 3/17/02-3/23/02

30-dozen cases 7,247

Receipts from the mainland: 3/10/02-3/16/02

30-dozen cases 7,664

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
62-72	55-59	53-58	43-46	25-29

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
87.59	86.59	64.58	46.27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
39-42	26-30	7-10

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/25/02	03/18/02	03/26/01
PACIFIC COAST	141	209	229
LOS ANGELES	122	181	206

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